Effective implementation of Act for SCs/ STs

1603. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, on the Human Rights Day, Dalits demanded effective implementation of the Act and Rules pertaining to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

BPR and D's Assistance for Modernising Police Force

1604. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR and D) assists various Governments in improving the functioning of their police forces, in matters relating to modernisation of their equipment and training;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on the recommendation of BPR and D, the Chennai Police has decided to modernise the telecommunication and wireless systems, by installing Digital Trunked Radio System; and

(c) if so, whether the proposed system (DTRS) has been procured and if not, the reasons for inordinate delay and by when the DTRS will be procured for better policing?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Communal Riots in Tamil Nadu

1605. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communal riots that took place in Tamil Nadu from July, 1996 to July, 1998;

(b) the number of persons killed/injured and missing and loss of property in each of these riots in the State; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (b) A statement based on the information received from the State Government is enclosed (*See* below)

(c) Though 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and maintenance of law and order and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Government, the Central Government has been taking several measures to keep the comunal situation under control. Some of these measures are mentioned below:—

(i) Sharing of intelligence with the State Government.

(ii) Assisting the State Governments by providing the Central Para-Military Forces etc. The Central Government has also constituted a Special Force, viz., Rapid Action Force, for controlling communal riots and tensions.

(iii) Assisting the State Governments in upgradation of their policing infrastructure.

(iv) Seeding advisories to the State Governments from time to time.

The Government is firmly of the view that acts of violence against any community, wherever and in whatever form they occur, must be dealt with sternly and exemplary punishment awarded to the perpetrators.

Statement

Details of Communal Riots in Tamil Nadu during July, 1996 to July, 1998

Sl. No.	Date and Place of incident	No. of persons killed	No. of persons injured	Property lost
1.	Jan. 28 & Feb. 3, 1997 Coimbatore, Dindigai, Ramnad, Thanjavur, Kanyakumari and Chengai Anna.	9	21	Rs. 29,35,000/-
2.	August 11 and 27, 1997 Vill. Melapalayam Tirunelveli	4	5	NIL
3.	Sept. 1-2, 1997 Coimbatore	5	9	NIL
4.	November 29-Dec. 3 1997, Coimbatore	26	46	Hon'ble Justice Thiru P.R. Gokulakrishnan Commission of Inquiry has been appointed to assess loss/damage of properties.

स्वतंत्रता संग्राम सेनानी सम्मान पेंशन के लम्बित मामले

1606. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1982 तक और तत्पश्चात स्वतंत्रता सेनानी सम्मान पेंशन के लम्बित मामलों की संख्या क्या है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ मामलों को शीघ्रता से निपटाने की दृष्टि से एक लेखा परीक्षा दल (एस॰एट्री॰) का गठन किया गया था;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि स्वतंत्रता संग्राम सेनानियों की मृत्यु होने के पश्चात् उनकी विधवा/विधुर को यदि उसके पास दिल्ली में सामान्य पूल से आवासीय सुविधा उपलब्ध है, केवल छः महीने के लिये ही रहने की अनुमति दी जाती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ऐसे मामलों में उनकी विधवाओं/विधुरों को भी जीवन भर के लिये आवास सुविधा उपलब्ध कराएगी?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) इस समय केवल 52 नए मामले लंबित हैं। ऐसे मामलों, जोकि विगत में एक बार या अधिक बार रद्द किए जा चुके हैं के संबंध में 2,819 पुनरीक्षण आवेदन भी लंबित हैं।

(ख) जी हां, श्रीमान।

(ग) जी हां, श्रीमान्। स्वतंत्रता सेनानी की पत्नी/पति को आवंटी की मृत्यु के पश्चात् केवल छः माह की अवधि के लिए सरकारी आवास रखने की अनुमति है।

(घ) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

महिला कैदियों के लिये मूलभूत सुविधाएं

1607. **श्री नरेंद्र मोहन:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 5 जनवरी, 1999 के "दि हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स" में प्रकाशित उन महिलाओं, जिन्हें किसी कारण से जेलों में रहना पड़ता है, की दशा से संबंधित समाचार की समीक्षा की ओर दिलाया गया है; यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ख) देश की सभी जेलों में कैदियों की कुल संख्या कितनी है और इनमें महिला कैदियों की संख्या कितनी है; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि देश में जेल स्वयं ही यातना केंद्र है और उनमें कैदियों की संख्या इतनी अधिक है कि उन्हें मूलभूत सुविधाएं समुचित रूप से उपलब्ध नहीं हो पाती?